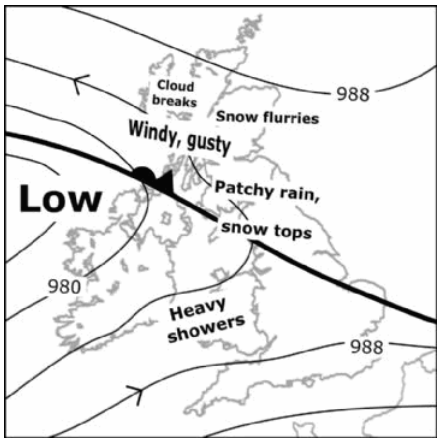
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.

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General Summary for Wednesday, 18 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 18 November, 2026

Strong easterly winds bring significant chill factor to Scottish mountains; some snow flurries mostly eastern areas. A slow-moving area of patchy rain and some hill snow for southern Scotland and northern England. Southwesterly winds for Wales, showery bursts with hail in the west and south.

Headline for Lake District

Patchy rain, coastal showers, snow tops; moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South or southeasterly 15 to 25mph or at times lower speeds; may shift southwesterly over southern fells.
Effect of wind on you?	**Fairly small, but marked wind chill on exposed tops.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**A little rain, snow tops; risk heavier later and into night.** Patchy light rain, snow flurries on fells mostly above 700m, may linger much of day but totals amounts small in many places. Near to coasts in south, risk of showery rain at times heavier afternoon, then merging into a more widespread area of rain and upland snow after dark.
Cloud on the hills?	**Fairly extensive over tops** Banks of cloud frequently cover fells above 700m, or often lower toward coasts in southwest. Highest breaks toward north Lakes mostly in the morning.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**20%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility good where dry, but often poor in rain, very poor if in snow on tops.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C in the wind.
Freezing Level	900m or slightly higher.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 November	Friday 20 November
How windy? (On the summits)	East-northeasterly 20 to 30mph.	Easterly 20mph, tending to drop through the day to 10mph by late afternoon, turning north-northeasterly.
Effect of wind on you?	**Starting to affect comfortable walking, more strenuous around some tops. Considerable wind chill.**	**Small effect on walking, but feeling noticeably chilly in exposure in the morning.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**A little rain or snow on fells** Patchy light rain, snow flurries above 600m, most frequent north and eastern Lakes, may persist over an hour or so, tending to clear southwards.	**Precipitation unlikely** Chance of an isolated brief snow flurry coming in from the northeast.
Cloud on the hills?	**Lifting and clearing** Patchy cloud over higher slopes in the morning, mainly north and eastern Lakes, but tending to lift and increasingly break up as the day goes on.	**Mostly little** Patchy cloud drifting onto higher tops mainly from Skiddaw to Helvellyn groups occasionally, mainly in the morning, but rare elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**60%**	**80%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly weak sun through high cloud, overcast for periods. Visibility very good.	Frequently sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 0C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.	Around 0C. Feeling like -7C if exposed to wind early in the day.
Freezing Level	700-800m.	700-800m, rising slightly higher during the day particularly south and western fells.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 November, 2026

Staying below freezing over Scottish mountains late this week, varying around freezing for northern England, more often milder for Wales. Frost common into valleys and glens. Snow flurries mainly eastern and far northern Highlands, otherwise many places dry to end the week, winds dropping light Friday-Saturday. Southeasterly winds likely increase during the weekend, a risk of rain moving into Wales by Sunday, but elsewhere may well remain dry.
Into next week, uncertainty about the progress of Atlantic weather systems, which may pivot toward the south again, maintaining chilly easterly winds for Scotland at least, with further rain and hill snow possible, but there may be little precipitation west and particularly northwestern Highlands.

Forecast issued at 15:35 on Tuesday, 17 November, 2026

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